

September 24, 2001, 10:11 a.m.
Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
DoubleTree Resort, 320 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven W. Lynn; Vice Chairman Andi Minkoff;
Commissioner James R. Huntwork; Commissioner Joshua M. Hall;
Commissioner Daniel R. Elder.

Staff present: Executive Director Adolfo Echeveste; Amy Rezzonico, Press
Information Officer; Lou Jones, IRC Staff.

Counsel: Lisa T. Hauser, Jose de Jesus Rivera and Traci Riccitello.

Also present: Lisa A. Nance, RPR, CCR, court reporter with Atwood Reporting.

Consultants Present: Alan Heslop; Florence Adams; Marguerite Leoni;
Doug Johnson; Marion Porch; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item II and VI: Public Comment.

At the beginning and end of the day the public was given an opportunity to speak.
Speakers for the day (all sessions) were:

Jim Hartdegen
Edward T. Begay
Mayor Neil Giuliano
Bob Fannin
Nathan Sproul
Mayor Joseph Donaldson
Jonathan Pearson
Paul Babbitt
Hercel Spears
Mark Thompson
Peter Moraga
Gary Richardson
Connie Thompson
Councilman Hugh Hallman
Frank Seanez
Terri Leija
Patrice Kraus
Jacob Moore
Mayor Joseph Donaldson
Mark Fleisher
Judy Dworkin

Agenda Item III: Possible Executive Session.

Motion was made, seconded and carried pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) the Commission convene in Executive Session.

Whereupon the Commission recessed Public Session and convened in Executive Session from 11:54 a.m. until 2:46 p.m. at which time a short recess was had and Public Session resumed at 2:56 p.m.

Agenda Item IV: Possible presentation by NDC, discussion and decisions concerning the results of tests on possible or proposed alternatives to the draft Congressional and Legislative districts and further instructions to NDC on alternatives for continued and/or future consideration by the Commission:

NDC made a presentation to the Commission of the options that have been developed and the Commission went through the options individually in an orderly manner to reduce the numbers of options in preparation for the upcoming meeting for adoption of the Final Maps.

The Legislative map was begun with.

Motion was made, seconded, and failed to add EE to the test.

Legislative options agreed to by the Commission preliminarily are AA, with a couple modifications, and on the table, not off the table, incorporated by motion, are the rest of DD and EE.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to instruct the consultants to create a Phoenix Metropolitan Congressional District, Competitive Phoenix Downtown Competitive District, without significant detriment to the other goals, for analysis purposes only. Clarified, if the Commission then wants to proceed with this option, it would be superimposed on whatever map the Commission leans toward. This would be in lieu of AA, BB or EE.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to eliminate DD and EE from consideration. Motion was amended to add CC back into consideration. This will leave AA, CC, together with GG, and remove DD and EE.

Motion was made to eliminate G4. The Chair asked the maker to hold said motion until Congressional was completed.

Motion was made, seconded that the plans be presented with information for the Commission with Hopi in and Hopi out for the districts. Upon assurances that sufficient information would be available for the Commission regarding these demographics, the motion was withdrawn.

Legislative was retaken up.

Motion was made and seconded to remove G4 from consideration. Motion was amended, seconded, and carried that G4 be removed from consideration with the exception of the Yavapai County component of C and D to provide full analysis on those districts in addition to complete analysis of G. Result: C and D variables are added to test G.

Motion was made, seconded and withdrawn to remove F2 from consideration.

Summarizing, the Chair clarified the consultants' current workload:

Legislatively, NDC is directed to go forward with the draft, on F2, on test G with options C and D analyzed in addition to 'straight' option G, and the competitive aspects of the interior metropolitan districts of the Coalition 2 map.

Congressionally, NDC is directed to go forward with the draft, test AA, GG, CC, and the Metropolitan District for Maricopa County on competitiveness. It was clarified the Hopi testing is to be done on AA only.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the summary as outlined by the Chair.

Agenda Item V: Discussion and possible decision concerning the Commission's timeline and the schedule for future Commission meetings.

Scheduling was discussed after reaching the competitive analysis experts. A report was given as to scheduling possibilities. The fact the meeting on adoption of final maps to start 10/2 would need to be moved back was discussed. The likelihood of starting the meeting 10/8 was proposed. It was decided that The Chairman would draft a schedule and circulate it to the Commissioners with the idea being to begin at the earliest possible date.

Agenda Item VI: Call to the Public: (See Agenda Item II above)

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Agenda Item VII: Recess or adjournment.

Whereupon the meeting concluded at 9:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance